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COMPENSATION TO POSTAL EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Postal Employees Group `C` Union has demanded for grant of compensation to the employees working in Naxal affected areas on the lines of Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of States where labour organisations have raised this type of demand;

(d) whether the employees of Department of Posts working in such areas are affected by Naxalite violence; and

(e) if so, the details of the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in respect of the demand of Postal Employees Union?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Families of the Central Government Civilian Employees and Gramin Dak Sevaks who die while performing bonafide official duties under various circumstances are paid ex-gratia compensation as follows:

Death occurred due to accidents in the course of performing duties attributable to acts of violence by terrorists, Anti-Social Elements etc.	Regular Departmental Employees	Rs.5.00 lakhs
Gramin Dak Sewaks		Rs.50,000/-

(c) The Employees' Union have raised the demand for grant of compensation to postal employees in Naxal-affected areas like Chandrapur Postal Division covering twin districts of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts of Maharashtra State.

(d) Two Gramin Dak Sewaks working in Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh State and one Gramin Dak Sewak working in Andhra Pradesh are reported to have been killed.

(e) Provisions for payment of Ex-Gratia lump sum compensation to families of Central Government Employes and Gramin Dak Sewaks who die in harness already exist. No further steps are required in respect of demands of the Postal Employees Union.